

deliver exemplary sexual health education with an emphasis on HIV and STD prevention. Furthermore, adolescent access to key sexual health services has increased along with the establishment of a safe and supportive environment for both students and staff.

Moreover, the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative, an initiative that SIECUS also seeks to strengthen and support, has greatly impacted the Alameda County Public Health Department. Currently, Alameda County provides evidence-based HIV, STD, and teen pregnancy prevention to more than 1,500 young people in eighteen OUSD Middle Schools.

Therefore, on behalf of California's 13th Congressional District, I want to extend my congratulations to SIECUS on this important milestone. I wish them continued success in advancing comprehensive sexual education and the health of all people.

IN CELEBRATION OF AMOS  
CHARLES HASTON'S 100TH  
BIRTHDAY

### HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2014*

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge the 100th birthday of a respected educator and community leader, Amos Charles Haston. Born in Denison, Texas on this day in 1914 to Tilmon and Mary Haston, Mr. Haston rose from humble beginnings to become a respected leader.

Tragedy struck early in Mr. Haston's life when his father was murdered in his presence in 1919. He and his mother subsequently moved to Wewoka, Oklahoma. He excelled in school, graduating as the salutatorian of his high school and achieving the status of all-state half-back for his football team. Mr. Haston worked, played varsity football, and sang on the college's travelling a capella choir while putting himself through college at Langston University. In 1934, he became a member of his beloved Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. at Langston. In 1937, Mr. Haston graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Science and Mathematics. He later attended the University of Colorado for post-graduate work; Texas Southern University, where he received his Masters of Education in Secondary Administration degree; and the University of Oklahoma, where he did course work toward a doctorate.

In 1937, Mr. Haston took his first job out of college as a teacher in a one-room schoolhouse, simultaneously teaching grades 1-8. He eventually resigned and moved to Hugo, Oklahoma to accept a position as a math teacher, as well as the head football and basketball coach. During the summers, Mr. Haston worked as a porter for the railroad, traveling from Portland, Oregon to Seattle, Washington to earn extra income. He met his wife of 73 years, the former Doris E. Sampson in Hugo. They married Christmas day in 1941 and remain married to this day.

In August 1942, Mr. Haston was called to the service of his country for a period of 46 months, 27 months of which were served in combat in the Pacific Theater of World War II. Though his service began as a Buck Private in the Army, he was separated from the serv-

ice as a Second Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers. Mr. Haston's wife looked after his mother who became ill during his absence in the war.

In September 1946, Mr. Haston was hired as a teacher in Ardmore, Oklahoma, where he also served as the assistant coach of the football and basketball teams. In February 1952, Mr. Haston and his wife had their son William, who presently serves as Counsel in the Legal Division of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in Washington, D.C.

In 1954, Mr. Haston accepted a job as Principal of Lincoln High School in Nowata, Oklahoma. He resigned in 1958 to establish a home in Houston, Texas in an effort to provide better opportunities for his son. In Houston, he worked for the Houston Independent School District as a math teacher at Kashmere Gardens Jr./Sr. High School. Mr. Haston would go on to teach biology, chemistry, and physics. He also obtained the distinction of F.O.A. Science Specialist and was later promoted to Assistant Principal.

In 1961, Mr. Haston and his family joined St. James Episcopal Church, where he served as a member of the Vestry, Sunday School Superintendent, Junior Warden, Senior Warden, and member of the Brothers of St. Andrew.

Mr. Haston is a proud member of Kiwanis International and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. He was the inspiration for Dr. Ronald Peters to work to establish Alpha's Brother's Keeper Program. On July 23, 2010, at Alpha's 90th General Convention, the Brother's Keeper Program became international and was renamed the "A. Charles Haston Brother's Keeper Program." Mr. Haston is also the only member of Alpha Phi Alpha to maintain a membership for 80 years.

When recently asked what the most significant event that had occurred in his life, he unhesitatingly said, "The election of a Black man, Barack Hussein Obama, II, as the President of the United States."

Mr. Speaker, in closing, Amos Charles Haston, is a dedicated and loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, educator, veteran, and servant of all mankind. He is an exemplar for all those who aspire to selflessly serve others.

### HARRISBURG REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

### HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2014*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Harrisburg Regional Chamber of Commerce in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary on April 16, 2014.

Founded in the late 1800s, the Chamber was originally known as the Harrisburg Board of Trade. In 1913, it was agreed that the organization should be incorporated as a Chamber of Commerce, and in 1914, it was officially given this designation. Although the name has changed, Harrisburg Regional Chamber of Commerce has stayed true to its mission, acting as a catalyst for policy change, job creation, and business growth throughout Cumberland, Dauphin, and Perry counties. The

Chamber continues to serve as an important asset in Southeastern Pennsylvania, spurring economic development throughout the community.

Mr. Speaker, for 100 years the Harrisburg Regional Chamber of Commerce has served as a catalyst for economic growth in Harrisburg, PA. Therefore, I commend all those who have served to improve their community as part of this important organization.

### COMMENDING CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER OF DALLAS

### HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2014*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Children's Medical Center of Dallas, the recipient of the prestigious HIMSS Davies Enterprise Award of Excellence. Children's leadership in the use of health information technology provides superior patient care.

As the first nurse elected to Congress, I recognize that the implementation of an electronic health record (EHR) and the use of EHR technology is crucial in our medical community. Since 1994, the Nicholas E. Davies award of Excellence has recognized superior implementation and use of health information technology for healthcare organizations, private practices, public health entities, and community health organizations.

This is the second year in a row that Children's has been the recipient of the HIMSS Davies Enterprise Award and Children's was the first hospital to achieve HIMSS Electronic Medical Record Adoption Stage 7. Children's has also received two HITRUST certifications and was named Most Wired by Hospitals and Health Networks eight times.

Children's is able to use EHR technology to support quality focused care delivery where staff works in a team-based setting to bring high quality, measurably better care for their young patients. Children's has seen reductions in median length of stay decline from 2.4 days to 1.95 days. Chest x-rays have decreased from 59 percent to 39 percent.

Children's uniquely uses the capabilities of its EHR to help patients and families play a larger role in their own care. This increases patient and family satisfaction. Children's leadership in the health information technology space not only moves us forward but it also improves patient care and quality of life for these young patients.

I am proud to have Children's Medical Center in my district and I will continue to advocate advancing health information technology nationwide.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2014*

Mr. PASTOR of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 178 & 179—I missed votes due to weather delay at airport. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."